



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4588

Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2004

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 15, 2004

SUMMARY

H.R. 4588 would amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to add 19 new water conservation projects to those eligible for federal assistance under that act. To build the 19 additional projects, the bill would authorize the appropriation of about \$42 million.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4588 would cost \$36 million over the 2006-2009 period and an additional \$6 million in 2010. Enacting H.R. 4588 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 4588 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4588 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	0	5	10	15	12
Estimated Outlays	0	2	7	15	12

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 4588 will be enacted near the start of 2005. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4588 would cost \$36 million over the 2006-2009 period and an additional \$6 million in 2010, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4588 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit the state of Texas and local governments in that state that would receive the authorized federal assistance. Any costs incurred by those governments to meet the conditions of the assistance would be incurred voluntarily.

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